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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed September 11, 2007, the period of response being extended from December 11, 2007 to February 11, 2008.

Payment in the amount of \$230.00 is being submitted via credit card to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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